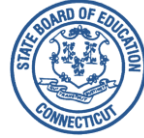




STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



**TO:** Superintendents of Schools

**FROM:** Irene E. Parisi, Chief Academic Officer

**DATE:** September 19, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Announcement of Unpaid Experiential Learning Program Continuation

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE), in collaboration with the Connecticut Department of Labor (CT-DOL) is continuing the Unpaid Experiential Learning Program (UELP) for the 2025–2026 school year.

The purpose of the UELP is to enable local education agencies (LEAs), individual high schools, and their business and industry partners to place students in unpaid work-based learning opportunities for up to 120 hours per year. The approved UELP application is a waiver that supports LEAs' efforts to expand and build new pathways for students, while allowing for career skill development in an authentic setting.

### **UELP Briefing Sessions**

The CSDE hosts four (4) virtual UELP briefing sessions to cover program overview, application procedures, partnership development, administrative requirements and compliance obligations. To participate in the UELP, one representative or a designee from your LEA must attend one (1) of the four (4) available briefing sessions.

### **Session Schedules:**

- Monday, September 29, 2025, 1:30–2:30 p.m.  
**Join on your computer, mobile application, or room device.**  
Click Here to [Join the meeting now](#)
- Tuesday, September 30, 2025, 10:00–11:00 a.m.  
**Join on your computer, mobile application, or room device.**  
Click Here to [Join the meeting now](#)
- Thursday, October 2, 2025, 1:30–2:30 p.m.  
**Join on your computer, mobile application, or room device.**  
Click Here to [Join the meeting now](#)
- Friday, October 3, 2025, 9:00–10:00 a.m.  
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All sessions are virtual and accessible via computer or mobile device.

### **UELP Safety Workshops**

All district staff who directly place students in worksites must attend one (1) of the four (4) available UELP Student Safety Workshops. These workshops focus on worksite safety protocols,

student supervision requirements, incident reporting procedures, and risk management strategies. Every staff member involved in student placement must attend one safety workshop.

**UELP Student Safety Workshops (Attend One)**

- October 6, 2025, 2:00–3:00 p.m.
- October 7, 2025, 9:00–10:00 a.m.
- October 9, 2025, 2:00–3:00 p.m.
- October 10, 2025, 9:00–10:00 a.m.

Meeting links for UELP Student Safety Workshop will be sent to participants after completing the briefing session.

Contact Education Consultant Harold Mackin at 860-713-6779 or [Harold.Mackin@ct.gov](mailto:Harold.Mackin@ct.gov) with questions.

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